

Small Business Set-Asides and more, now available on ECS III.

We are excited to announce that new features have been added to the ECS III RFQ System, which is easily accessed here. You can now:

- Set aside requirements for small businesses
- Create Requests for Information
- Request Trade Agreement Act Compliance information in your quotes

Here's how it works:

Small Business Set-asides

In support of public law 95.507, as well as new White House directives on increasing contracting opportunities for small business, NITAAC has strengthened its commitment to administration of this vital authority by providing for small business set-asides. This new feature will enable you to more easily meet your socioeconomic goals.

Once in the system, users who choose to create an RFQ will see a new prompt, "Would you like to set-aside this requirement for a small business?" Simply select yes, and choose either "All Small Business" or a sub-category such as HUBZone or Woman Owned. The system features a prompt for "Small Business Set-Aside Details," which outlines FAR regulations; as well as an "ECS III Small Business Chart," featuring company names, the lots they qualify for, and their small business categorizations.

Requests for Information (RFIs)

The RFQ System now allows you to create RFIs. This functionality includes the ability to capture vendor questions and your answers. Questions and the answers are automatically distributed for all eligible vendors to see.

TAA Compliance Info in RFQs

Many customers have been asking how they can find out if a product that is being quoted is TAA compliant. To meet this need, functionality has been added to the "Create RFQ" page that allows you to inquire whether or not the items being quoted are TAA compliant. The contract holder must then indicate on their quote whether or not each CLIN is TAA compliant.

For more information, contact the Customer Support Center at 1.888.773.6542 To schedule your free training, <u>click here.</u>